TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 1673 - HB 1754

February 13, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds human trafficking, as defined under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-314, to the definition of "sexual offense" for purposes of the sex offender registry.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The sex offender registry is maintained by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI).
- A "human trafficking offense" under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-314 is not a criminal offense. It is a definition that encompasses four offenses—involuntary labor servitude, trafficking persons for forced labor or services, trafficking for commercial sex act, and promoting prostitution of a minor—for which a victim can bring a civil action.
- Involuntary labor servitude and trafficking persons for forced labor or services do not require sexual abuse of the victim or sexual acts of any nature. However, the Department of Correction does not have record of any admissions for these offenses. It is assumed that no one will need to register as a sex offender for these offenses.
- Further, it is assumed that the remaining offenses—trafficking for a commercial sex act and promoting prostitution of a minor—will not generate enough registrants to significantly impact the TBI.
- The TBI confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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